

SYN. NO. _____

AGN. NO. _79-A_____

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR MICHAEL D. ANTONOVICH

NOVEMBER 4, 2003

On October 26, 2003 the Grand Prix fire burned in and around the cities of Claremont and La Verne which resulted in the damage and destruction of 66 homes and the evacuation of hundreds of residents.

On October 26, 2003, pursuant to Chapter 2.68 of the Los Angeles County Code, the Chief Administrative Officer proclaimed the existence of a local emergency as a result of the wildland fire. This proclamation was ratified by this Board on October 28, 2003.

The buildings and structures which have been damaged or destroyed by the recent fires create a risk of unsafe and hazardous conditions which may endanger the public health, safety, and welfare.

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I, THEREFORE, MOVE THAT THIS BOARD:

1. Find that the abatement of unsafe and hazardous conditions arising from buildings or structures which were damaged or destroyed by the recent fires is necessary to respond to the emergency and that this emergency will not permit a delay resulting from a competitive solicitation for bids;

2. Issue Emergency Order No. 1, ordering that where the Director of the Department of Public Works or his duly authorized representative determines, after inspection, that a building or structure damaged or destroyed by the recent fires is unsafe and constitutes an immediate hazard, he shall abate the hazard immediately to protect the public health, safety, and welfare;

3. Authorize the Director of Public Works to negotiate and execute a contract or contracts with one or more private contractors, in an amount not to exceed \$1 million in the aggregate, to facilitate the demolition and removal of buildings or structures damaged or destroyed by the recent fires and approve an appropriation and revenue adjustment in the amount of \$1 million for these purposes; and

4. Instruct the Director of the Department of Public Works to seek recovery of the costs associated with this demolition and removal work by working with the affected insurance companies, Federal and State disaster relief agencies, and other sources.

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EMERGENCY ORDER NUMBER 1 - OCTOBER 2003 FIRES
DEMOLITION OF STRUCTURES

WHEREAS, as a result of numerous fires, a local emergency was proclaimed by the Chief Administrative Officer on October 26, 2003, and ratified by the Board of Supervisors on October 28, 2003; and

WHEREAS, Government Code Section 8634 authorizes the Board of Supervisors and delegated officials to promulgate orders and regulations necessary to provide for protection of life or property, during a local emergency; and

WHEREAS, Public Contract Code Section 22050 authorizes the County, in the case of an emergency that will not permit a delay resulting from a competitive solicitation for bids and pursuant to a four-fifths vote of the Board of Supervisors, to take any directly related and immediate action required by that emergency, and to procure the necessary equipment, services, and supplies for those purposes, without giving notice for bids to let contracts; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors finds that the fires resulted in the damage and destruction of buildings; and

WHEREAS, the presence of the damaged and destroyed buildings is an immediate hazard to life, property and welfare; and

WHEREAS, the Director of the Department of Public Works, as the Building Official of the County of Los Angeles, is authorized to demolish and remove unsafe structures within the unincorporated area of the County.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES HEREBY ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:

1. Where the Director of the Department of Public Works or his duly authorized representative determines, after inspection, that a building or structure damaged or destroyed by the recent fires is unsafe and constitutes an immediate hazard, he shall abate the hazard immediately to protect the public health, safety and welfare.
2. All persons shall cooperate fully with the Building Official and other public officials in the abatement and removal of hazards under this order.
3. The Director of the Department of Public Works or his designee is authorized to enter into contracts on an emergency basis, without giving notice for bids to let contracts, to accomplish the work authorized by this order.

This order shall apply Countywide until rescinded by the Chair, the Chief Administrative Officer or the Sheriff.

Date: _____

YVONNE BRATHWAITE BURKE
Chair, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:
Violet Varona-Lukens, Executive Officer
of the Board of Supervisors
of the County of Los Angeles

By
Deputy

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